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Application No.: Not Yet Assigned)
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Title: METHOD OF TREATING)
INTERVERTEBRAL DISC TISSUE)
EMPLOYING ATTACHMENT)
MECHANISM)

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to an examination on the merits of the above-identified application please amend the application as follows:

In the Specification:

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page ¹8, line ²9, with the following rewritten paragraph: --

This application is a continuation of U.S. Application Serial No. 09/792,628, filed February 22, 2001, which claims the priority of U.S. Provisional Application No. 60/185,221 filed on February 25, 2000, which are fully incorporated by reference herein.

In the Claims:

Please delete claims 1-52.

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